Dear Adult Learners,

Happy Fall! I hope this newsletter finds you all busy and in the thick of all your academic work as we just passed the mid-semester mark here at SUNY Potsdam. A special welcome to all our new adult learners here at SUNY Potsdam, I hope you are adjusting well to campus, both academically and socially! As your faculty advisor, I am excited about the changes taking place this fall with the SGA recognized adult learner group, whose official name is the "Non-Traditional Student Organization" or NTSO for short. I would like to extend a huge note of gratitude and welcome to the four new executive board members (see pg. 3 for details) who have stepped up this year to serve our adult learner population. They have already started a "NTSO Facebook" group in order for us to stay in touch electronically, they have organized a Fall Bake Sale in hopes of donating the funds to a non-profit organization, and in the Adult Learner Lounge in Carson 107, you will see a new white message board and calendar on the walls for continued communication between all adult learners.

A few reminders from my side of campus in the Student Success Center:

* Academic Advising started on October 15th! Please make an appointment to meet with your advisor as soon as possible so that you will be prepared to register for classes on BearPAWS starting on November 6 for the spring semester.

* Our Academic Support Lab in Sisson Hall 102 is still accepting applications for tutoring, please stop by and see Tim Morse or one of his graduate students to sign up for this FREE service!

* Technology Workshops available (please see the detailed message below) contact me to set up an appointment for a technology tutorial.

Lastly, I want to wish you all the best of luck as you continue to work hard this fall semester and, as always, if you have any other suggestions or questions specific to your adult learner needs, please feel free to contact me at tyola@potsdam.edu or 315-267-2735.

Respectfully,

Louise Tyo, Director
Student and Family Transitions
128 Sisson Hall

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**Adult Learner Technology Workshop**

The Student Success Center is proud to announce that we are offering a technology workshop for adult learners. We are willing to provide a hands-on virtual presentation and learning seminar to help adult learners better understand the essential elements of the Microsoft Office suit. The workshop will cover a wide variety of functions that Microsoft Word, Power Point, Excel, and Publisher have to offer.

If you are interested in participating in a technology workshop please contact Louise Tyo at tyola@potsdam.com to set up a free tutorial.

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**We’re on Facebook!**

Our name: SUNY POTSDAM STUDENT AND FAMILY TRANSITIONS

Join our group!

Have a story or tips for the Facebook page?

Feel free to email Louise and let her know you are interested in contributing!

tyola@potsdam.edu
## Do Not Forget...

The following list is just a few of the many important dates rapidly approaching us now…

- Don’t forget to check your holds, these need to be taken care of before registering
- Tuesday, October 23: Last day to Withdraw or S/U fall classes
- Don’t forget to VOTE November 6!
- Registration begins for Spring 2013 on November

### Registration Information

- Check it out! The Schedule of Classes will be available online on Monday, October 15! Go to “Class Search” on BearPAWS or check out the “Class Schedule by Department” for an overall view
- Make an appointment: Advising begins October 15
- Registration begins November 6

- Log on to the Registrar’s website at www.potsdam.edu/offices/registrar and click on “Registration” for step by step instructions and information
- Registration dates: Graduate Students: November 6, Seniors: November 7, Juniors: November 8, Sophomores: November 9, Freshmen: November 13 & 14. You may register on the web anytime after your beginning registration time, and may continue to add courses until midnight, January 25.
- Questions? If you have questions, please contact the Registrar’s Office, at 267-2154, or the Academic Advising Office, at 267-2339.

## Potsdam Holiday Fund Program

Applications are now available to receive assistance from the Potsdam Holiday Fund, Inc. program, which provides new toys, warm clothing and food to area families with children and to senior citizens in need. College students with families who are in need of assistance are eligible as well. Eligibility guidelines are available at:


The program is being coordinated by a group of volunteers in the community.

The Potsdam Holiday Fund, Inc. program serves residents in Potsdam, Madrid, Hopkinton, Nicholville, Brasher Falls.

Chase Mills, Fort Jackson, West Stockholm and Winthrop.

Applications are available in the Career Planning Office, 206 Sisson Hall, or http://potsdamholidayfund.com/apply.html.

The deadline for submission is November 30, 2012.
Non-Traditional Student Organization (NTSO)

Executive Board

- President– Stephanie LaShomb
- Vice-President– Sara Cantwell
- Treasurer– Lara Varden

NTSO defines a non-traditional student as any matriculated students at SUNY Potsdam who:

A) Is 22 years of age or older, or
B) Has at least a 2 year hiatus in their education, or
C) Holds a GED rather than a high school diploma, or
D) Is married, or
E) Is single with dependents

- For more information please contact Louise Tyo

Welcome to our New Coordinator of Veterans and Military Student Services

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- The State University of New York at Potsdam was recently named to the 2012 Guide to Military-Friendly Colleges and Universities by Military Advanced Education magazine.
- The State University of New York at Potsdam welcomes all students with prior military experience! The Veterans Program is designed to assist you with the transition from the military to College life.
- As a veteran, you are entitled to a variety of benefits that will help facilitate your pursuit of higher education at SUNY Potsdam. To review your benefit options, please see:
  http://www.gibill.va.gov/

Are you a Veteran or do you have a family member who is Veteran?

Would you like to be added to the College Veteran’s Task Force?
If so, contact:
Patrick Massaro

*Mr. Massaro is on the SUNY Potsdam campus Thursday and Friday from 8:30 am-4:30 pm.
What is Omicron-Psi?

Omicron-Psi is the National Honor Society for non-traditional students. Omicron-Psi stands for Duty, Honor, and Service. Members are dedicated to being active members of their community.

The National Omicron-Psi Honor Society's mission is as follows:

1. To recognize achievements of non-traditional students throughout the United States.
2. To award these students with a certificate of achievement and insignia pin.
3. To encourage the continuation of educational pursuits.
4. To supply scholarship applications to members and to encourage participation in our scholarship program.
5. To provide scholarships from monies received through membership dues.
6. To be of service to our members and provide referrals and references upon request.
7. To have members commit to a life of honor, integrity and service in the home, community and workplace as well as duty to Country.

In order to be eligible for the Omicron-Psi National Honor Society at SUNY Potsdam, you must be considered a non-traditional student defined as:

1. Being 24 years of age or older, or
2. Having at least a 2 year hiatus in your education, or
3. Holding a GED rather than a high school diploma, or
4. Be married, or
5. Be single with dependents.

In addition, you must have ALL of the following:

1. Attained a junior class standing (minimum of 57 hours).
2. Completed 12 semester hours at SUNY Potsdam.
3. Earned a minimum of 3.30 GPA in Potsdam course work.

To apply visit: www.omicron-psi.com